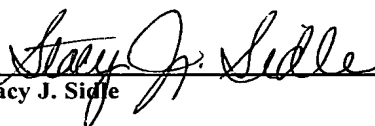




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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Official Action dated October 6, 2005, please make the following amendments in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the Applicants' invention.